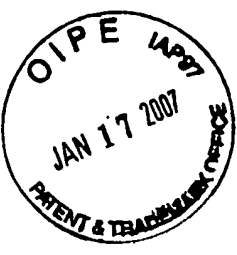


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In reply to the outstanding Office Action dated October 17, 2006, please amend the application as shown on the following pages:

Amendments to the **Claims** begin on page 2.

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